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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM PROGRESSES

KAZAKESTAN GETS NEW KOLKHOZ GES -- Pravda, No 114, 24 Apr 49

The "Gornyy yigan," Farm Artel, Alma-Atinskiy Rayon, has put into operation a new hydroelectric power plant, which is the most powerful in Kazakhstan. Two turbines manufactured in Riga have been installed. The artel spent over one million rubles for the construction of the plant.

Several days ago electric lights were installed in 600 homes, a school, and a hospital, and in the streets of the settlement, and the radio rebroadcasting station began to operate.

The artel administration is planning to make extensive use of electric power in all branches of kolkhoz work. Electric motors and electric sheep-shearing machines are to be put into service and many labor processes will be mechanized. Electric power will be used in machine and woodworking shops, on animal farms, and in fruit drying and processing.

POWER PLANTS TO OPERATE ON LOCAL FUEL -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 64, 2 Apr 49

During the next 2 years five steam-electric power plants will be built in kolхозes of Urylyutskiy Rayon, Pavlodar Oblast, Kazak' SSR. As fuel the plants will use straw, reeds, and firewood, all of which are found locally. The plants will have a combined yearly output of 1,360,000 kilowatts. One plant will be built in the vicinity of the wagon-building plant in Zhulezinka; will have a capacity of 350 kilowatts and serve 7 kolхозes.

NEW GES IN MARIY ASSR -- Pravda, No 106, 16 Apr 49

The Mush'yal'skaya GES in Medvedevskiy Rayon, Mariy ASSR, has been put into operation and furnishes power to kolkhoses, schools, and agricultural projects. A steam-electric power plant has been built in the "Pamyat' Lenina" Kolkhos, Yurinskiy Rayon.

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During 1949, 22 GES and 4 steam-electric power plants will be built in the Mar'y ASSR.

NEW POWER PLANT FOR GEORGIA -- Zarva Vostoka, No 73, 16 Apr 49

The first unit of the Makharadzevskiy Rayon substation of Gruzenergo (Georgian Electric Power) will be put into operation in the near future. Preparations are being made for work on the second unit.

Khabarovsk Rural Power Plants Planned -- Molodoy Dal'nevostochnik, No 46, 15 Mar 49

The Khabarovsk Kray "Sel'elektro" (Rural Electrification) Office has planned a large surveying program for 1949 to locate suitable areas for building interkolkhoz hydroelectric power plants. Surveys will be made at 13 points in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast and in rayons subordinate to the Kray. Construction of four power plants with a capacity of nearly 1,500 kilowatts will begin this spring on the Bira, Bidzhan, Manoma, and Kiya rivers. These plants will supply electricity to 28 kolkhozes and several MTSE of the Rayon imeni Lazo, Bikinskiy, Leninskiy, and Manayskiy Rayons. Construction will be carried out by the kolkhoz workers.

GES INSTALLS AUTOMATIC CONTROLS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 93, 21 Apr 49

Constructors of the Kegum GES, Latvian SSR, have restored and put into operation three units of the plant and are now engaged in installing automatic controls in the plant. Automatic controls have been completed for one turbine.

PEAT FOR Leningrad Power Plants to be Increased -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 87, 14 Apr 49

Peat workers of Vsevolozhskaya and Pargolovo, supplying fuel to Leningrad electric power plants, have pledged above-plan production for these plants.

Novosibirsk Rural Electrification Lags -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 47, 9 Mar 49

A conference on kolkhoz electrification in Novosibirsk Oblast was held on 8 March by 47 kolkhoz chairmen. M. A. Pankov, chief engineer of "Sel'elektro" (Rural Electrification), reported that in 1948, instead of 100, only 30 kolkhozes were provided with electric facilities and that rural GESs with a total capacity of 358 kilowatts, instead of the planned 1,400 kilowatts, were put into operation. The Oblast Executive Committee and Oblast Committee VKP(b) have ordered completion of facilities for 3,000 additional kilowatts of power for 125 kolkhozes in 1949.

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